GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PUNITIVE CHARGES FOR WEIGHT BEYOND PERMISSIBLE CARRYING CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Railway Board orders, Zonal Railways are to recover punitive charges for the weight of the difference beyond permissible carrying capacity for the entire distance from the originating station to the destination station irrespective of the point of detection of over-loading;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether audit scrutiny of records of some stations has revealed that Railway Board orders were not carried out causing financial loss to the Railways to the extent of crores of rupees; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken against the delinquent railway officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) &(b) Yes , Sir. But in situation, where aggregated payload in rake does not exceed the combined permissible carrying capacity of the rake, the punitive charge is levied on the entire weight in excess of permissible carrying capacity and loading tolerance. Also, no punitive charges are levied if the customer carries out load adjustment at the originating station itself in case of detection of overloading at originating station.

(c) Audit has raised punitive charges due to wrong interpretation of punitive charges rules in one railway. However, there is no financial loss to the Railways as short collection on this has been levied.

(d) Does not arise.